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1. After World War II, in conjunction with the stabilization of the Hungarian Communist regime, the Magyar Nephadsereg (Hungarian People's Armed Forces) were established and continually increased in strength. Within the Magyar Nephadsereg was established the Orszagos Legvedelmi Parancsnoksag / OLP / (National Air Defense Command). OLP was a large force complemented by the assignment of two other forces: Legvedelmi Tuzer-Seg (LGV-I TU) (AAA Command) and Figyelo Es Jelso Szolgaltat (FJSZ) (Observing and Reporting Service). Until 1955, this entire organization had the title "OLP". The Command Staff of the OLP at that time had consisted of the following individuals:

- a) Commander - Kana, Lorinc, Brigadier General. His civilian occupation had been mining. During the 1956 revolt he was president of the Hovedelmi Bizottmany (National Defense Committee), which was the elected Revolutionary Committee of the Hungarian Armed Forces (A Magyar Hadserg Vallasstott Forradalmi Bizottsaga).

- b) Executive Officer - Timar, Arpad, Lt Col [redacted] During the 1956 revolt, he was at a "high-command military academy" in the USSR.

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5. Counter-Intelligence Department (K ELH O) - This special section of OLP was actually assigned under the Ministry of Interior (HM) to the so-called Allanvedelmi Hatosag (AVH) (Nation's Defense Department - the "blue AVO"). This organization was modeled on the Soviet MVDK. They represented the reliable element of the Communist Party Police within the Armed Forces. Their uniform was the same as that of others assigned to the same unit but they could change their collar and shoulder insignia to that of any other organization if required. Although supposedly Top Secret, these personnel could be identified by the fact that their identity number in their military identification book started with the designator "EA". In all branches of the Armed Forces there were AVH informer personnel assigned whose existence or identity was unknown even to the assigned regular AVH personnel. In many instances they went through regular officer's training schools like any other student, or were working as enlisted personnel. Personnel assigned to OLP's K ELH O were as follows: Department Director - Major Koscs; Adjutant - Major Bakos; other assigned personnel - Captain Farkas, Captain Hagi, and Senior Lieutenant Macosvari.
6. Political Department (POL GS F) - The function of this department of OLP was to educate assigned personnel to be faithful to the Communist Party, to love and depend on the Soviet Union, and to obey the USSR, to convince all personnel that only Communism can bring the world to a happy, carefree existence, to hate all that is not Communist, and to implant that the Soviet Union is a "Freedom Camp" that can stand up against the entire world and cannot be subdued since its fight is based on truth. To accomplish this, this department had at its disposal the press, motion pictures, libraries, periodicals, officers clubs, culture meetings, etc. The Party organization informed personnel on the "correct attitude" toward current events. This department maintained a record on all assigned personnel with the aid of the Political Officers and Party agitators concerning the political life of the individual. This record also indicated all incidents of deviation from "Communist Morals". This department tried to pry deeply into the private lives of all personnel by requesting that all personal problems be brought to the Political Officer who would try to help and solve them while keeping the information on a confidential basis. Through this method, a basic private could inform on his Regimental Commander's actions. The "information" officers working in OLP's Political Department insured that every personal matter reached the "proper authorities". They were especially active at the end of reporting periods on officers.
- a) Political Group Commander - The Chief of the Political Group was the Adjutant to the OLP Commander in all political matters. His primary function was to control the work of all the political organs and to direct their work in accordance with the directives of the Political High-Group Commander within definitions laid down by the Congress of

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the Communist Party in the USSR. Lt Col Menyhart was the Political Group Commander at OLP.

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- b) Political Department (POL O) - Within the Political Group under the control of the Political Group Commander was assigned the Political Department. This department was sub-divided into the following functional branches: Propaganda, Agitation, Training, Information, Decorations, Culture Work, Press, and Party Instruction. The leader of the Political Department was Lt Col Szekeres, who was the full-time Adjutant to Lt Col Menyhart, the Political Group Commander. Before his assignment to OLP in 1956, Szekeres had been the Political Officer at the Killian Gyorgy Repulo Hajozo Tiszti Iskola (Killian Gyorgy Pilot Training School).

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The assistant to Szekeres was Major Tokes, who was transferred to OLP from the 66th Fighter Division in 1955.

Other personnel assigned to this department were: Capt Koltai, Capt Bertalan, Capt Zsuras, Senior Lt Ignacs, Major Kapas, Capt Kelenen, and Capt Fata. Eva Badacsonyi is the civilian secretary and typist assigned to Szekeres and her father is a Captain in the Folyam Orseg (Hungarian Navy River Guard).

- c) Press Production Department (S SZ) - OLP had a small printing plant where a small paper called the "Legvedelmi Figyelo" (Air Defense Observer) or the "Legvedelmi Hirado" (Air Defense Newsreporter) was published. This paper discussed current political, training, and other topics related to OLP. Its editors and publishers were poorly-educated Political Officers lacking in experience. It was under the control of the Political Department, and an officer from that department was assigned to supervise press matters. This officer was Capt Koltai, who had previous to his assignment at OLP been a Political Officer in the Legiero (Air Force).

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- d) Party Supervising Committee (Part Ellenorzo Bizottsag) (PEB) - This committee dealt only with matters pertaining to Party members, and supervised the correctness of the Party organs' theoretical organization. The PEB could call upon any personnel assigned to OLP with the exception of the OLP Commander and his immediate adjutants, regardless of rank or position, to explain their actions. The OLP Commander and his immediate adjutants could be called before the Armed Forces PEB for the same purpose. Members of the PEB were elected from OLP's Party membership according to the recommendations of the Political Department. The PEB president was made independent of other duties and a typist secretary assigned to him. This individual accomplished the PEB records.

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- e) Party Secretary (PT) - Captain Fajes was the Party Secretary for the OLP's Party organization. The party organization of OLP's staff consisted of the OLP Commander and his immediate associates. On the average, one meeting was held monthly. During these meetings, it was permissible for Party members to criticize even the OLP Commander; mistakes of the previous month were discussed; and corrective action decided and voted upon. The same mistakes were always discussed at each meeting because no one adhered to the decisions of the previous meeting. Acceptance of new and elimination of old members were also discussed and recommended during these meetings with the recommendations passed to the PEB for approval.

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7. Executive Officer (TO PO) - The OLP Executive Officer acted as full-time Adjutant to the OLP Commander. All OLP staff personnel are assigned under the Executive Officer with the exception of those assigned to the Political Group. Every morning at 0930 hours, all duty officers reported the events occurring during their tours to the Executive Officer. All events were also recorded on a "Duty Log" which was submitted for the Executive Officer's signature together with suggested comments. Colonel Karoly Galgocsi was the OLP Executive Officer. Galgocsi had formerly been Executive Officer of the Air Force. 25X1

First Lt Komuves is Galgocsi's aide.

8. Central Command Post (Központi Hírcsallaspont) (KH) - The Central Command Post was divided into an above ground Command Post and an A-bomb proof underground Command Post. The Auxiliary Central Command Post (KIS H), which was located on the Harnas Hatar Hegy, was discontinued in October 1956, and assigned personnel were moved to the Central Command Post as temporary auxiliary personnel. The mission of the Central Command Post was to coordinate the Czech-Rumanian-Carpatho-Ukrainian Soviet air defenses with those of the forces used to accomplish Hungarian Air Defense (together with the tenant Soviet Air Forces in Hungary), and through centralized control of the Hungarian forces, to accomplish the Nation's Air Defense mission. The Command Post had telephone, teletype, and radio communications with all fighter units, AAA, Observing and Reporting units, Ministry of Defense, Moscow Central Command Post, and the Air Forces of the Satellites participating in the Warsaw Pact. The Central Command Post was placed directly under the OLP Commander. Three Commanders on Duty represent the OLP Commander and rotate a 24-hour duty tour. The Central Command Post also had an Administrative Commander whose duty it was to supply the Command Post with required material, and insure the proper training, discipline, and material needs of the assigned personnel. This Commander did not have the authority to interfere in operational procedures of the Central Command Post. The following personnel were performing duties at the Central Command Post:

## Duty Commanders:

First Group: [ ]

Second Group: Lt Col László HanoriThird Group: Captain Racz

## Administrative Commander:

Captain József Szatmari

## First Duty Group:

Duty Commander [ ]

Chief Navigator - Senior Lt Imre MolnarAsst. Navigator - First Lt VargaLiaison Officer - Senior Lt Marton Logzi,Liaison Officer - First Lt György FerkoFighter Director - Senior Lt Sándor Gal, Party Secretary

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Interpreter - First Lt Palotas

Interpreter - First Lt Sauca

Air Liaison - Senior Lt Mihaly Balint

AAA Duty Officer - Capt Kondakor

Soviet Advisor - Lt Col Kasurka

Duty Comm Officer - First Lt Fejes

Duty Weather Officer - Senior Lt Jassberenyi

First Plotter - TSgt Tiber Erdos

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Second Plotter - TSgt Pucsek

Third Plotter - TSgt Balass

Fourth Plotter - SSgt Lehel Holdi

Fifth Plotter - TSgt Czifra

AAA Plotters - 1) TSgt Nyitrai

2) SSgt Kalman Toth

3) A/IC Bardos

4) SSgt Almasi

Second Duty Group:

Duty Commander - Lt Col Lasso Maori

Chief Navigator - Senior Lt Karoly Reti

Asst Navigator - Senior Lt Desso Erdelyi

Liaison Officer - Senior Lt Mihaly Gerevolyai

Liaison Officer - Senior Lt Abraham

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Interpreter - Senior Lt Milianovics

Air Liaison - Senior Lt Patona

Soviet Advisor - Col Kalashnikov

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AAA Duty Officer - Captain Palanovics

Duty Comm Officer - First Lt Fenyvesi

Duty Weather Officer - First Lt Balovai

Plotters - 1) TSgt Karasz

2) TSgt Barath

3), 4) and 5) - unknown

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AAA Plotters - 1, 2, 3, and 4 - unknown

## Third Duty Group:

Duty Commander - Captain Racz, former AVH officer

Chief Navigator - unknown

Asst Navigator - First Lt Patho

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Liaison Officer - Captain Karoly SanakLiaison Officer - Captain SorosFighter Director - Senior Lt RakoInterpreter - Senior Lt Bela Fehér

Interpreter - unknown

Soviet Advisor - Col Szarcov, Soviet Hero (Red Star)Air Liaison - Lt Col Oskar Arato

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AAA Liaison - Senior Lt Janos GoutDuty Comm Officer - First Lt FilopDuty Weather Officer - Senior Lt Yasanits

Plotters - Unknown

9. Operations Department (HDM O) - This Department was directly under the OLP Executive Officer. Its mission was to prepare, maintain, supervise, and evaluate operational plans. The Operations Department Chief, Captain Fehér, was the Adjutant to the OLP Executive Officer.

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Lt Hargitai,  
Captain Cser  
Artillery Operations Department to OLP in 1956 after a 1955 transfer to  
Veszprem.

Assisting Fehér were Senior

and

Cser was assigned from the

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- a) Secret Office and Secret Library ("T" and "T" KY) - The Secret Office under the Operations Department handled all Secret and Top Secret documents. Air Force documents were handled separately. The Secret Library was directly under the control of the Secret office, handling all Secret and Top Secret Regulations, SOPs, Tables, training materials, etc. Chief of the Secret Office was Captain Yendel, assisted by Senior Lt Csardas (female). The officer maintaining the Air Force documents was First Lt Saiti, and the Secret Library Chief was a civilian named Szallai who had two female non-commissioned officers assisting him.
- b) Map Depot (Tark B) - The Secret Map Depot at OLP stored, maintained, and prepared all maps used at the OLP. Although the OLP Map Depot was maintained by either a non-commissioned officer or a Warrant Officer, the Air Force Navigation Department was responsible for the distribution and safeguarding of the classified material. The Map officer at OLP was Second Lt Mille who had been promoted to Second Lt from non-commissioned officer status.

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10. Persnnel Department (SZU O) - Sub-departments under the Persnnel Department were the AAA Persnnel Department (TU SZU), the Air Force Persnnel Department

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(LE SZU) and the General Personnel Department (ALT SZU). The Personnel Department was a reliable organ of the OLP Commander and the Counter Intelligence Department. All assigned personnel at OLP were watched, and with the aid of the Political Department, the Personnel Department could incriminate any individual or "build-up" an individual depending on their need of the individual. For this purpose, they maintained three separate personnel records. There was an "A", "B", and "C" folder on each officer. (Records were maintained on officers only.) Within the Department, a separate officer maintained the records of each Division or large organization. During the 1956 revolt, all Personnel Department records were obtained and passed out to the individual officers so they could read what had been written against them and destroy their own papers. The Personnel Department Chief was Major Kaho. Assisting Kaho were Major Janus Hegedus

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Major Varga (or Vargha), Capt Dinka  
(or Dinga) and Senior Lieutenant Tibor Dravai

11. Organization Department (SZ O) - Within this department were sections responsible for Mosgositas or M (Mobilization) and ALT SZ (General Organization). This department accomplished all personnel and mobilization planning for the OLP. It prepared personnel organization tables, maintained records of enlisted personnel, and prepared all "M" or mobilization work. The Chief of this Department was Lt Col Bedo

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Bedo was assisted by Senior Lieutenant Georgyi and First Lieutenant Ossko.

12. Communications Department (HIR O) - This department controlled all communications equipment in the OLP and was responsible for all cryptography. The department was directly assigned to the Communications Zassloalj which was situated in the Budapest XI District (Kinizsi Kasern) with the PF number 4611. Within this organization was a group which accomplished all maintenance and supervision of all ground radars which are tenant units at the different Fighter bases. Under the Communications Department, is the Navigational Aid System (OSZP) headed by Senior Lieutenant Markus, the Crypto Center (R J) headed by First Lieutenant Horinka, the Communication Battalion (PF4611) headed by Major Varga

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the Telephone Center (TEL K); and Telephone and Wire Maintenance (TEL RO), headed by Captain Rosta

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Wire maintenance and the telephone center were handled by enlisted personnel. Lt Col Molnar, the Communications Department Chief, and Major Szollosi was the Department Adjutant.

13. Administration Department (Adm O) - This department handled all travel data, issue of entry permits, unclassified correspondence and documents, and supply of hand-weapons for OLP personnel. It also handled all finance matters through a special Finance Section (FU). The hand-weapon supply was designated and known as KI FE R. The Clothing Depot (RUH R) supplied all OLP office supplies, and organizational clothing and equipment to OLP personnel, plus personal flying equipment for OLP pilot personnel. An "Official Use Only" Library (SZ H KV) stored and maintained all non-Secret but not completely unclassified documents. This Department also controlled a small restaurant and snack bar which was operated by civilian employees; and handled the dispatch of motor vehicles assigned to OLP. Department Chief was Lt Col Farkas. Finance Branch was headed by Senior Lt Hettosi.

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assisted by one non-commissioned officer and two civilians. The Clothing Depot was headed by First Lt Hulak, assisted by one enlisted man and one civilian. The Library was headed by a civilian named Zerman. Two civilian female typists were employed for the typing and maintenance of the unclassified orders and correspondence. Hand weapons were handled by a non-commissioned officer in the Clothing Depot.

14. Installation and Guard Unit (Kowmandans) (Kcm) - The mission of this unit was to guard the Szikla Kospent (Rock Center) located behind the OLP building with the aid of the attached guard company (or szd), and to maintain the installation with civilian technician employees. This unit was responsible for installation heating. Civilian employees were directed by a civilian who had been the "Rock Center Superintendent". The unit handled and stored all keys to all locks in OLP. For the handling and safeguard of the Secret documents at the Rock Center, this unit had a secret office (T I). Department chief was Captain Janos Geordas

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Adjutant was Senior Lt Harvath.

Head of the Secret office was a female TSgt Furjes who had formerly worked in the OLP Secret office. Janitor was a civilian named Horvath

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